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# SUPER-PACS 101

### Reuters

Super-PACs are amped-up political action committees that have mushroomed following a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2010 that made it easier for entities such as corporations and unions to pour money into campaigns, as long as

they do not coordinate with a candidate.

They long have been a target for mockery by Stephen Colbert.

"From now on," Colbert told Jon Stewart last week, "I will just have to talk about my plans on my television show and

take the risk that you might watch it."

Super-PACs have become an important part of the election. In particular, Republican presidential contender Newt Gingrich has complained about negative ads from a PAC he said is run by former staff members of Mitt Romney.



# Colbert's partner has Chicago roots

# **Chicago Tribune**

A native of Chicago, Trevor Potter is a buttoned-down Washington lawyer who has advised Republican presidential candidates from George H.W. Bush to John McCain.

But Potter now is tasting real celebrity by trading banter—and giving legal advice—to comedians Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, all while injecting humor into the GOP nominating process.

Colbert formed a super-PAC, a group that can collect unlimited amounts of money from corporations, unions and individuals and run ads supporting a candidate, so long as it does not coordinate with the candidate or the candidate's campaign.

The "Colbert Report" star has expressed interest in running for president of "the United States of South Carolina" as the state prepares for its primary Saturday. Because Colbert is a potential candidate, he has separated himself

from his super-PAC, handing over control to fellow Comedy Central star Stewart.

Both comedians have been getting laughs by seeking on-air legal advice from Potter, a former chairman of the Federal Election Commission.

Potter's pedigree would not suggest such a wacky pop culture role. He attended the Latin School of Chicago, earned a Harvard University degree in 1978 and graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in 1982.

His late father, Charles S. "Charlie" Potter, long headed Chicago's Union Stockyards when it was the world's busiest cattle market. His mother, Barbara McClurg Potter, is a great-great-niece of William B. Ogden, Chicago's first mayor.

Potter said he was at a reception at the National Gallery of Art when a gray-haired man studying him asked, "Excuse me, aren't you Stephen Colbert's lawyer?"

"It's not what I'm used to in Washington,"

# "There is that cool factor to it, which is all a big surprise to me."

-Trevor Potter, on the newness of his fame

Potter said, chuckling.

Potter said Colbert met him through an attorney who had appeared on the program. "There is that cool factor to it, which is all a big surprise to me," said Potter, now a presence on YouTube. "I did not appreciate the level of following [Colbert] has and the intensity until I got in it."

Potter, with the Caplin & Drysdale law firm, said he has landed in "a funny double role" since he's working as Colbert's attorney and frequently guesting on his show to explain campaign-finance law.

# Super-PACs dominate airwaves with negative ads

# **Bloomberg**

South Carolina airwaves are being saturated by mostly negative TV ads coming more from outside political groups than the candidates seeking votes in Saturday's presidential primary.

Independent political committees supporting Republican candidates accounted for \$3.1 million, or 60 percent of the more than \$5.1 million spent on South Carolina broadcast TV advertising through Monday, according to data from New York- based Kantar Media's CMAG, which tracks political advertising. About 80 percent of the ads from the political committees are negative in tone.

The findings show how the super-PACs, which can raise unlimited sums from corporations, unions and

wealthy individuals, can influence the political debate more than the candidates they support, sometimes

to the consternation of the White House hopefuls. Super-PACs can compete with their preferred campaign for prime air time, crowding out candidate communications and driving up the cost of ads.

"It highlights the frustration some candidates are feeling about getting their messages out," said Anthony Corrado, a political scientist at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. "Their ads are being swamped by the competing super-PACs."

# Fast food delivery? That's just criminal



Have you ever had a really bad hangover? I'm talking spend-half-the-nighton-the-bathroomfloor-cuddling-withthe-rug bad. Well, isn't one of the best feelings in the world getting up and venturing out into the afternoon in search of greasiness?

I ask because recently a handful

of Burger King restaurants in Maryland and Virginia decided to take that away from us: They now offer delivery.

Some would say this is the best invention since using grilled cheese sandwiches as burger buns. I say it's a step in the wrong direction. Americans work harder for less pay these days. Still, it seems that we as a whole are embracing being out-and-out lazy.

It's not just getting hot food (well, probably lukewarm by the time you get it) delivered to your house, either. Last week, the commissioner of a Louisiana parish proposed a ban on wearing pajamas (both the full sets and the pants) in public after realizing that people in his town were wearing pajamas ALL DAY LONG.

Are we so lazy that we can't even manage to slide on jeans? I'm scared for us as a country. Now, before I continue down the pious path, I'm willing to make a few concessions that still allow us to kick back without looking slack. Uh, or something.

# Make a plan

If you're consistently rushing from bed to class/work, start planning to put clothes out the night before. My mother will hate me for saying this, but you don't always have to iron. Take your shirts/suits/slacks to the dry cleaners (or wash them, then hang them up to dry). The simple act of putting together an outfit (even if it's a hoodie and jeans) are a step in the right direction. Look at it this way: You put your outfit together when you're going out on the weekend, don't you? That's what I thought.

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# Get up and get out

In the interest of transparency, I need it to be known that I wasn't actually following my own advice for this one until recently, when I took a class at my gym with some co-workers. Still sore, btw. A friend recently told me that staying active is the easiest way to make the rest of your life run smoothly. It's a process I'm working on, but I definitely feel better. Go take a class if you don't know what you're doing in the gym. Doesn't matter which one. Go run to the end of the block. If it isn't that hard, add another one. Keep going until you get a mile. Repeat and so on.

I'm not trying to step on our freedom of expression, but being a slob isn't helping anyone, especially yourself. Let's be the best looking, healthiest, most-sex-having-est country on Earth, you guys! Now if we could only do something about those toe shoes ... ERNEST WILKINS IS CHICAGO'S WINGMAN







**Andrew Shaw** Blackhawks phenom



**Rob Lowe** NFL pundit?



'American Idol' Season 2, After Simon

# **HOT RIGHT NOW**

# Happy SOPA day

The Internet went a little wacky Wednesday (story on Pages 6-7), and Twitter noticed. Here is what was trending Wednesday in Chicago.



Mayor Emanuel gave his stamp of approval to the return of the South Side Irish Parade (story on Page 8) despite community concerns about drunken behavior. We asked readers on RedEve: What's the worst (or best) display you ever saw at the parade?

The Best: My parents live three blocks from Western Avenue, so the morning of the parade, I would go out in front and glue change to the sidewalk. It provided hours of fun for everyone sitting in the front room watching. The best part was that everyone who tried to pick it up and then realized that it was glued there walked away laughing, they were really good sports about it. -Kristin Ann Vanderbilt

Saw a girl peeing in the aisle @ CVS. Saw a guy passed out so hard in the park that none of his friends could wake him. Saw a guy take a swing at a cop. Saw myself making out with strange women. Saw people having the time of their lives every year! Love it all, good and bad! -Rich Ramey

Best - in 2002 many police and firefighters from New York were here. I was standing with some of my partner's high school friends passing around a flask when two of these officers approached. One of them asked "who has the bottle?" Sure I was about to have my whiskey dumped out, I produced the flask from my coat. Each of the officers took a swig, handed the flask back and we all shared a laugh. -Rene Paquin

Drunk people flashing at parade participants for St. Pat's beads. -SouthSide Tanya Vega

Outsiders/suburbanites thinking they are at Wrigley. - Alex Alavaz



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# AWORLD WITHOUT THE WEB?

# HITTING THE RESET BUTTON ON OUR WIRED LITTLE EXISTENCE WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC

### **Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** If a day without Wikipedia was a pain in the butt, think bigger. In this plugged-in world, we would barely be able to cope if the entire Internet went down in a city, state or country for a day or a week.

Sure, we'd survive. People have done it. Countries have, as Egypt did last year during the anti-government protests. And most of civilization went along until the 1990s without the Internet. But now we're so intertwined socially, financially and industrially that suddenly going back to the 1980s would hit the world as hard as a natural disaster, experts say.

No email, Twitter or Facebook. No buying online. No stock trades. No just-in-time industrial shipping. No real-time tracking of diseases. It's gotten so that not just the entire Internet but individual websites such as Google are considered critical infrastructure, experts said.

"Nobody would die, but there would be a major hassle," said computer security expert Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer at F-Secure in Helsinki, Finland.

If an Internet outage lasted more than a day or two, the financial hit would be huge, with mass unemployment, said Ken Mayland, a former chief bank economist and president of ClearView Economics. Eugene Spafford, director of Purdue University's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security, worries about bank runs and general panic.

Psychologically, too, it could be wrenching.

"I think it's easier to get off heroin," said Lisa Welter of New York City, who weaned herself for a month last year from just the social aspects of the Internet—she still paid bills online—and felt as if she was "living in a cave."

"There would be a sense of loss: What would I do with my time?" said Kimberly Young, a psychologist who directs the Center for Internet Addiction and Recovery.

On Wednesday, certain websites, most prominently Wikipedia, went dark to protest legislation in Congress that would crack down on pirated movies and TV shows. It was a one-day stunt. But it raises ques-

# WHO'S IN?

How many websites joined Wednesday's protest was unclear. One estimate said 10,000, but that could have been wishful thinking. Here are just a few that participated in various ways. MCT

» Reddit

» MoveOn.org

» WordPress

» Mozilla

» Wikipedia

» Craigslist

tions about our connectedness.

It is possible that hackers, terrorists, accidents or even sunspots could take down the Internet and cause areas to become cut off and unreachable, said Spafford, one of the foremost experts on computer security. The U.S. and other developed nations have multiple and robust routing systems that make it unlikely large areas would be affected, but smaller countries could be vulnerable to nationwide outages, Hypponen said.

Nicholas Christin, associate director of the Information Networking Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, said while a prolonged Internet outage would be uncomfortable, it might also bring out the best in people.

"I think you would find that people are very resilient," he said. "We would go back to the libraries."

Christin said he has gone a week without the Internet as part of a vacation. The first few days were rough, he said, but then "it was fantastic."

Christin did it by choice. Others had it imposed on them because of weather disasters or financial problems. They weren't nostalgic about it.

Wyatt MacMahon of the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute at Virginia Tech University was having a hard time Wednesday just dealing with the shutdown at Wikipedia, which he leans on as a first step in his searches in his field, which combines statistics and biology.

If the entire Internet were lost, "that would be beyond catastrophic. Every single day, every single hour, if not every 30 minutes, I am using the Internet for work," MacMahon said. "So if anything like that were to happen, it would bring everything to a screeching halt."



# Online protest a pain for some users

### **MC1**

**WASHINGTON** In the vast universe of the Internet, some planets went temporarily dark Wednesday to protest government attempts to intrude on what's long been their anything-goes frontier. And there's evidence that it made an impact in Washington.

Howls erupted from the Twitter-verse when the English version of Wikipedia, the free, collaborative Web encyclopedia and homework crutch of students everywhere, shut down. One distraught tweet said:

"Why is Wikipedia down on the day that I have a 7 hour take away exam???? Livid."

To counter the widespread panic, libraries—remember them?—stepped into the breach. An encouraging tweet from a librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said: "You can still research today during blackouts. Libs are open & lots of online resources for you. Need help?"

Google and Facebook, the two most trafficked sites on the Internet, were still up, although Google slapped a big black bar across its well-known colorful trademark to show its solidarity with the protest against pending anti-piracy legislation.

"Like many businesses, entrepreneurs and Web users, we oppose these bills because there are smart, targeted ways to shut down foreign rogue websites without asking American companies to censor the Internet," the company said in a statement.

Blessedly, silly cat photos and stupid videos—such as a nervous dog balancing on a chain—still were accessible.

The 24-hour blackout was over the right of business—in this case, Hollywood and the publishing and recording industries—to make a profit on its work, versus maintaining free and open access to the Internet.

Two bills, the Stop Online Piracy Act in the House of Representatives and the Protect Intellectual Property Act in the Senate, would try to stop illegal downloading and sharing of copyright material. Opponents claim they'd stifle innovation, limit service and impel companies to monitor their users. A third bill, the Senate's Online Protection and Enforcement of Digital Trade Act, aims for a middle ground.

"Protecting foreign criminals from liability rather than protecting American copyright holders and intellectual property developers is irresponsible, will cost American jobs and is just wrong," Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, a sponsor of one of the piracy bills, said in a statement.

# Silicon Valley takes on Hollywood

### **MCT**

As the day wore on, the blackout seemed to be having an effect.

Several lawmakers, including Republican Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Roy Blunt of Missouri, and Democratic Sen. Benjamin Cardin of Maryland, withdrew their earlier endorsements of the piracy bills and called for more discussion.

It was a far cry from several years ago, when then-Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), once described the Internet as a "series of tubes." The political lines were shifting, and it had nothing to do with party or the looming presidential rumble.

The Motion Picture Association of America called the blackout a "gimmick" and said "business interests are resorting to stunts to punish their users or turn them into corporate pawns."

But suddenly Hollywood, a powerful player in Washington, had some competition.

Yochai Benkler, a co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, said the blackout showed not only that tech companies had become influential but also that they now recognized that they had to work with Washington instead of around it.

He said the day also showed that the tech community and everyone who relied on it could form a potentially daunting alliance.

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was a very
strong
public demonstration
to suggest that what
historically was seen
as a technical system of
rules that only influences
the content industry has
become something more,.
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citizens who care enough
to act. That's not trivial."

 Yochai Benkler, co-director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University

# Chicago Thursday 189 Freezer burn













The City Council on Wednesday easily approved measures to tighten parade rules, increase fines and give Mayor Emanuel power to spend money on a pair of May summits of world leaders. Dozens of protesters concerned about what they say are the mayor's attempts to muzzle free speech stood outside council chambers during the debate shouting "now let us in" and "we vote no." Aldermen, satisfied by Emanuel backing down on aspects of the plan, voted 45-4 to approve the parade crackdown. NANCYSTONE/TRIBUNE

**DAILY QUOTABLE** That parade is a recognition to Irish Americans who call Chicago home. It is my hope that after a few years of hitting the pause button, people remember a way to celebrate their heritage, celebrate and be proud of it in a way that's also respectful of the community and the neighborhood." -Mayor Emanuel commenting Wednesday on the South Side Irish Parade. City officials have

agreed to issue a permit for the March parade despite lingering concerns about security that led organizers to shut down in 2009 after widespread drunken fighting and assaults on police officers.



# THE DIGIT

# **12 HOURS**

The City Council on Wednesday approved changes to the city's taxi laws. Under the updated rules, cabdrivers will be restricted to a 12-hour workday. Also, the \$1 fuel surcharge has been folded into the cost of hailing a cab. now \$3.25, according to news reports.



# Teen's father: He was retaliating

The father of one of seven teenagers accused of luring a 17-year-old high school student into a Bridgeport alley, where they beat and robbed him in a videotaped attack, said his son was retaliating for an earlier scuffle involving the victim.

Michael Palomino, a Cook County sheriff's deputy, said his 17-year-old son, Raymond, is being "made out as the fall guy." Palomino said he called police and agreed to turn his son in after seeing the video on the news.

His son has been charged as an adult with robbery and aggravated battery for the attack that has gone viral on YouTube.

The other teens-two 16-year-old boys. three 15-year-old boys and a 15-year-old girl-all were cited in juvenile delinquency petitions on the same charges, police said. Their identities were not made public because they are juveniles. Police said one of the teens lives in Arlington Heights and the rest in Chicago.

# Chicago cop convicted of DUI

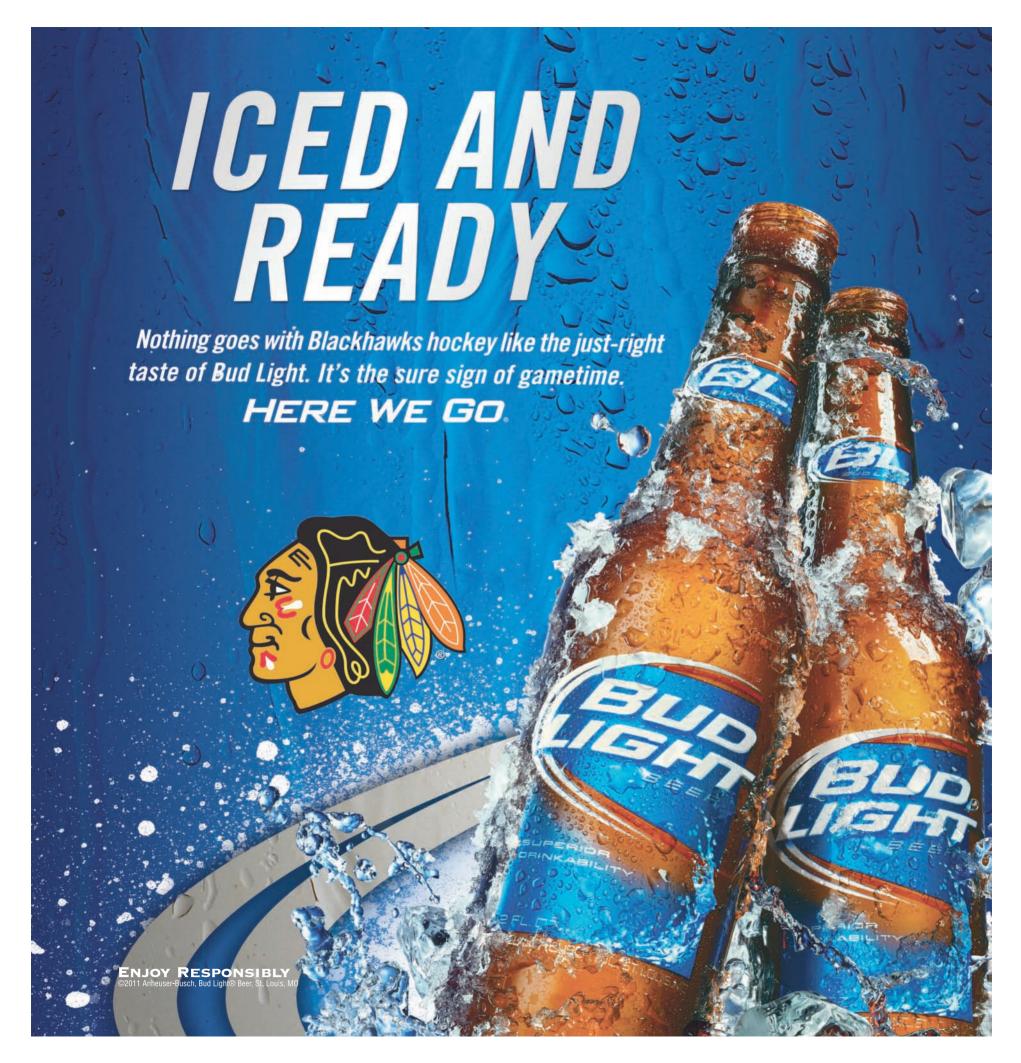
A Cook County jury Wednesday convicted Chicago police Officer Richard Bolling of aggravated drunken driving and reckless homicide in a hit-and-run crash that killed a 13-year-old boy as he rode his bike late at night in May 2009.

# Lake Michigan surfer busted

It may be January. It may be cold. The lakefront beaches may be closed for the season. But that didn't dissuade a Chicago man from surfing off one of them Tuesday. He was arrested and ticketed for city violations.

# Lincoln Park to get web boost

Lincoln Park residents will see improved mobile broadband coverage with AT&T, according to a statement issued by the mobile carrier Wednesday. Residents can expect faster file downloads and Web surfing, the company said. TRIBUNE, REDEYE



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# Mother of woman killed in Lakeview fire sues

# **Chicago Tribune**

The mother of a woman killed in a North Lake Shore Drive high-rise fire earlier this month has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the owners of the building.

The lawsuit by JoAnn McCoy maintained that her 32-year-old daughter, Shantel, still would be alive if the building had elevators that shut down during such a fire, a sprinkler system and security guards to help out during a emergency.

The suit said the owners of the high-rise were negligent and did not maintain a safe environment. According to the suit, the owners and managers didn't instruct residents to evacuate or exit the building during the blaze, and the building didn't have an evacuation plan.

Calls to the owner, Planned Property Man-

agement Inc., were not returned.

Shantel McCoy died Jan. 8 after an elevator in her apartment building carried her directly into the heat and smoke of a blaze that started in a 12th-floor apartment.

McCoy was returning home at about 2 a.m. with a bag of groceries in her hand and unwittingly took the elevator to the 12th floor, unaware of the fire. When the doors of the elevator opened, she faced 1,500-degree temperatures and a wall of smoke, according to Larry Langford, a spokesman for the Chicago Fire Department.

Since the building at 3130 N. Lake Shore Drive was constructed before 1975, it was not required by Chicago ordinances to have a sprinkler system or even a wired alarm system to alert residents of an emergency, officials said.

Homicides from

Jan. 11 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

# HOMICIDE TRACKER

# **By Tracy Swartz**

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McKinley Park saw a double homicide Saturday, police said. Two men, ages 17 and 20, were killed in a crash when one vehicle rammed another near Western and Archer avenues, police said. The Cook County Medical Examiner's

Office ruled the deaths homicides.

McKinley Park has seen two homicides so far this year. The Southwest Side community area logged one homicide last year, RedEye data shows.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the past week in Chicago Lawn, Gage Park, South Shore and Washington Heights, according to RedEye data.

Meanwhile, a 42-year-old man was stabbed to death Jan. 11 in the 600 block of West Patterson Avenue in Lakeview, officials said. In West Lawn, a 60-year-old man died in an arson fire Sunday in the 4200 block of West 63rd Street, police said.

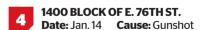
Twenty-nine homicides have been logged so far this month. Police recorded 28 homicides in January 2011, RedEye data shows.



5800 BLOCK OF S. FAIRFIELD AVE.
Date: Jan. 13 Cause: Gunshot

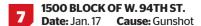
3700 BLOCK OF S. WESTERN AVE. Victims: 2

Date: Jan. 14 Cause: Auto crash









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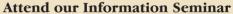
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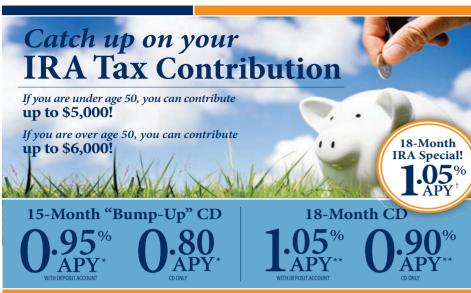


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Researchers found 116 cases of death or injury involving vehicles and pedestrians wearing headphones. Cases in which people were using mobile phones (including hands-free devices) were excluded.

Cases increased from 16 in 2004 and 2005 combined to 47 in 2010 and 2011. The victims'

average age was 21, and most (68 percent) were male. The majority (67 percent) were under the age of 30.

Hearing what's going on in the environment, the study's authors point out, could be more important than visual cues for pedestri-

But the authors add that this study doesn't show causation or correlation of headphone use and pedestrian risk, and other factors could have been involved in the accidents, such as pedestrians being intoxicated or drivers being at fault.

# Wahlberg backtracks

After telling Men's Journal he could have stopped the hijackers on a Sept. 11 flight, Mark Wahlberg quickly apologized Wednesday, "To speculate about such a situation is ridiculous to begin with, and to suggest I would have done anything differently than the passengers on that plane was irresponsible," Wahlberg said in a statement released to CNN.

# No glove, no movie love

Porn stars in L.A. will be legally required to wear condoms during film shoots after the City Council voted Tuesday to mandate their use, despite a threat by skin flick producers to leave town over the requirement. The move comes amid persistent questions about how to enforce the health measure.

# **Obama blocks** pipeline plan

The Obama administration denied a permit for the Keystone XL oil pipeline Wednesday and will let the company file a revised route that avoids an environmentally sensitive area in Nebraska. The decision by the State Department was praised by environmentalists and decried by the U.S. oil and gas industry and Republican lawmakers.

# Cruise wreck search suspended

Divers searching the capsized Italian cruise liner Costa Concordia suspended work Wednesday after the vast wreck shifted by more than three feet, delaying plans to remove the oil from the liner to prevent a possible environmental disaster. Hopes of finding anyone alive have faded.







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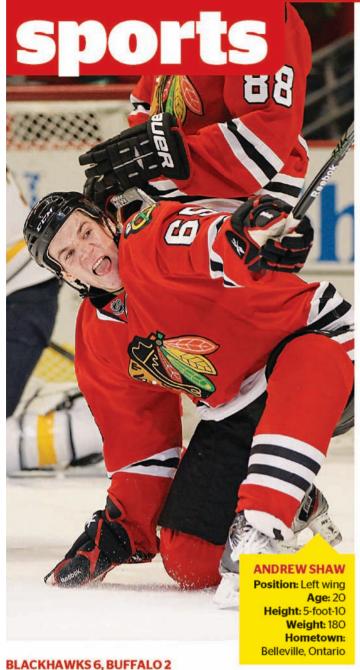
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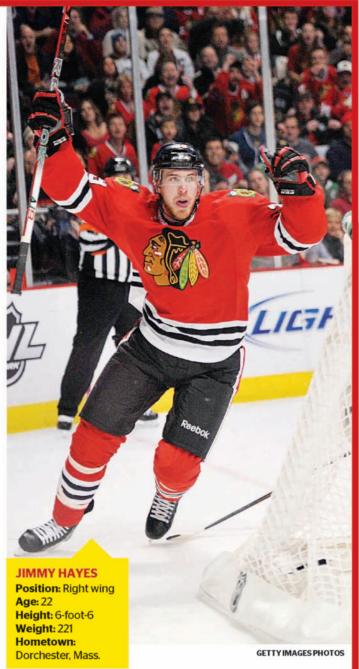
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# **YOUNG GUNS**

# Blackhawks rookies Hayes, Shaw firing on all cylinders

It seems like yesterday that Blackhawks Nation was reveling in the good fortune of having rookies Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews in the fold.

That was the 2007-08 season, when Kane went on to win the Calder Trophy for

top NHL rookie, with Toews right behind. Fast-forward to 2011.

Kane and Toews still are around, of course, but it's another rookie duo that has Blackhawks fans excited: Jimmy Hayes and Andrew Shaw.

Hayes made his debut Dec. 30 and Shaw on Jan. 5.

Both had immediate impacts. Hayes scored in his second game, Jan. 2 vs. Edmonton. Shaw, though, really turned heads in his

Just two shifts into his NHL debut Jan. 5,

Shaw was fighting with Philadelphia's Zac Rinaldo. Shaw followed that up with the Blackhawks' second goal of the night in a 5-4 loss. Hayes scored the Hawks' first, of course.

On Wednesday night, the rookies' legends continued to grow.

Shaw scored 13 minutes into the first period against Buffalo to tie the game at 1. In the second, Hayes scored to give the Blackhawks a 4-2 lead. He also assisted on Dave Bolland's goal in the third that gave the Blackhawks a 5-2 cushion.

# UFC fighters trying to avoid knockout



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A week before the UFC invades the United Center, the fighters head 470 miles south to the land of country music in Nashville. It's the first live "UFC on FX" event and, accordingly, features some pretty good matchups at Bridgestone Arena. A few of the fighters involved are looking to bounce back from recent losses and can't af-

ford another setback or else they might find themselves out of the league. Here are three fighters who need to come out of Nashville with not only a singing voice but also a victory.

# **Pat Schilling**

A Best Buy employee who does his training when he isn't working the showroom floor, Schilling makes his UFC debut in Friday's preliminaries. He just got the call a week ago to put his undefeated-outside-the-UFC record on the line in the octagon against another newcomer in Daniel Pineda. Starting with a loss is not the way to impress the UFC bigwigs.

# Jorge Rivera

Rivera looked impressive during a threefight win streak-two of them TKOs-from April 2009-March 2010. Then he ran into Michael Bisping, who won after Rivera tried to fight on after taking an illegal knee to the head. Rivera followed that loss with a splitdecision loss to Constantinos Philippou. He needs a win to keep himself relevant in the middleweight division.

# **Pat Barry**

Barry, one of the smallest heavyweights in the UFC, desperately needs a win against Christian Morecraft. Barry has lost two in a row, and those losses have come by way of a submission and a knockout. This is a tough matchup for Barry, who, at 5-foot-9, is at an extreme disadvantage against the 6-6 Morecraft. Barry has the leg kicks to chop down Morecraft, but the height differential will make his task difficult. If Barry suffers his third consecutive loss, UFC President Dana White more than likely will hand him his walking papers.

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So, what's gotten into the Blackhawks' Viktor Stalberg?

I'm quessing Gatorade. Or maybe some coconut water, if he's feeling adventurous.

Han ar en superstjarna ... det kommer bara bli battre!

Nothing-that Patrick Sharp guy's just been holding him back, you see.

He's not shaving, is he? Because being good at hockey usually involves not shaving.

of cardboard-tasting treats and, perhaps, heartworms.

What's it mean when the Blackhawks say Dan Carcillo's surgery went "very well"?

He resisted the urge to hip-check the doctor into the X-Ray machine.

His leg is still attached to his

They've effectively removed him from the team so the Legend of Andrew Shaw can grow.

Damage to or from sedatedvet-still-thrashing Carcillo came in under \$10K.

He won't be on the ice again for the Hawks this season.

If he's anything like me, a lot

What on Earth will the Bulls do with two whole

Take Derrick Rose to Toes R Us. (Ugh, let me apologize for that joke right now.)

Garza learns the hard way

Epstein-and signs for \$5M.

not to mess with Theo

Knowing Thibs, prime time for two marathon-long practices.

They split the difference, and

in two months. Garza's in a

Tigers uniform.

Breathe.

Garza uses the extra \$3M he'll get somewhere else as

a relocation fee.

Finish grouting the backsplash. All of them. They're all redoing their backsplashes.

Dan Snyder offers \$18M;

Go undercover at Time Out Chicago and figure out why a mag with that clever name doesn't feature sports.

Garza becomes the Redskins' starting QB.

The Bears trade him back to Carolina for Greg Olsen.

**Cubs pitcher Matt Garza's** asking for \$10M. Cubs offering \$7M. What happens?

Toub?

How relieved are you that

the Bears retained Dave

It matters only if Matt Forte recently changed his name to Dave Toub.

Whew-you have to have a guy that can tell Devin Hester to catch the ball and I'm glad the Bears kept their one competent employee.

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# **Hang out with Beckham**

Soccer stud David Beckham will hang out with his fans Thursday-sort of. Beckham will take part in a streaming interview on voutube.com/davidbeckham at 11 a.m., then interact with fans in a Google+ hangout at 12:30 p.m. at bit.ly/hangwithbecks.

# What does he know?

If Rob Lowe's tweet from Wednesday turns out to be true, it'll be perhaps the biggest sports scoop ever. Lowe announced on Twitter that his "people" informed him Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning would retire. But he said he hopes



The shoe must go on ...

Hot on the heels of the debut of the adiZero Rose 2, adidas and Derrick Rose unveiled the "second-half" version of the shoe, the 2.5, on Tuesday on YouTube.

The 2.5 continues Adidas and Rose's love for Chicago with a top-down satellite view of Englewood, Rose's neighborhood, complete with the word "Englewood" embossed in the toe area of the shoe.

"Late in the season, this is what you will be seeing me playing in," Rose said in the YouTube

The first versions of the shoe, like the original adiZero Rose 2, are black-red-white and predominantly white. Six more versions of the shoe will be rolled out through

The new shoe will be available Feb. 2 at **shopadidas.com** for \$110.



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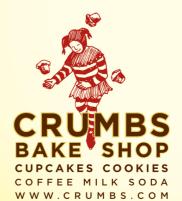
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# Readers give their take on 3 new bars

Nobody's perfect. When we go check out the latest Chicago bar or restaurant, we'll come at you with our honest opinion. But that doesn't mean you're going to agree. One person's "Meh" could be another's "Heck, yeah!" So don't just take it from us—see what readers like you had to say about these three recently opened bars.

With former Violet Hour bartender Stephen Cole at the helm, The Barrelhouse Flat has been working to change perceptions of nightlife in Lincoln Park since it opened last fall. Buzz has been overwhelmingly positive for the spot's hefty classic cocktail program.

**We say:** "The cocktail menu is seriously impressive; name a classic drink, and this team can make it. ... But even with such delicious drinks, it's hard to savor a cocktail that's sipped between leans to avoid drunken pool shots and the distracting eyerolls of 22-year-old dudes clearly brought here by their 21-year-old ladies." —**Emily Van Zandt** 

**You say:** "While this place is a little pricey, it's worth every penny ... I'd feel just as comfortable coming here on a Wednesday night in jeans and Converse as I would dolled up for some holiday drinking." —**erika71690 on metromix.com** 



The selection on the cocktail menu was at the same time extensive and effortlessly concise. Not one drink that our group tried was anything short of delicious." –itsjustjared on metromix.com



Tucked away with its "Mad Men"-esque sitting area and bar hidden above brunch spot Orange in River North, we were a little worried readers would have a hard time finding this cocktail lounge. But those in search of a throwback sipper served up in a highball glass didn't seem to have a problem tracking it down.

**We said:** "Drinks were made by a staff that seemed to be trying to pull off classic cocktails with very little training ... We'll keep our fingers crossed that a few weeks of training and practice will straighten things out—but these were steps that should have been made prior to opening." —**EVZ** 

**You said:** "Very cool music and [they were playing a] sexy retro video of Playboy bunnies dancing to '60s lounge music. Great spot for a date. I especially like that the lounge is off the main street, and kind of tucked away." —**JamesonO1 on metromix.com** 



Very comfortable seating, especially in their 'den' area." – Stellaga on metromix.com

# **Farmhouse**

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This River North tavern keeps things local with a menu that focuses on hearty Midwestern fare (think fried mac 'n' cheese, grilled trout and bread pudding) and brews from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

**We say:** "The real draw at Farmhouse seems to be the food, with most patrons settling down to a late dinner rather than order rounds of drinks. ... Farmhouse is doing everything right, but it still feels unoriginal." **—EVZ** 

You say: "Our food took a little longer than expected, but before we even said anything our waiter acknowledged the problem and both owners came over (separately) to apologize and offer a free round of drinks or dessert." —mattdpa on metromix.com

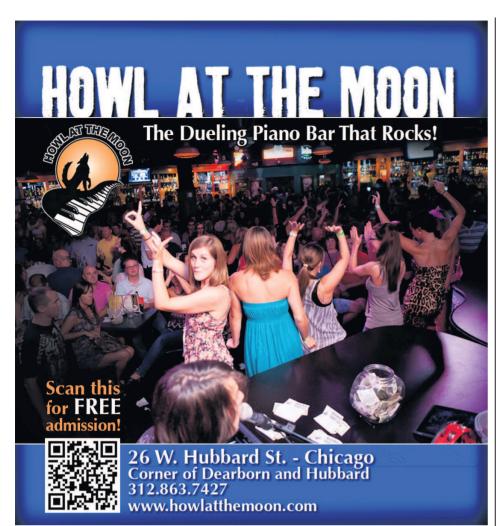


Not only was the menu simple, but classy, the decor was very comfortable and welcoming.

We instantly knew that we would be coming back on a regular basis."

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# What home drinking habits say about you



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The bottom right crisper drawer of the fridge in my apartment has been besieged by a stack of Bud Light cans for months. Survivors from a party my roommates threw, they just sit there. She's not drinking them and neither am I. A Christmas gift of whipped creamflavored vodka and

half-used bottle of amaretto are likely to meet a similar, dusty fate.

Why the booze wasting? Simple, really: I don't drink at home.

It's not some kind of stoic personal stance. I don't think cracking open a beer or bottle of red wine after work means you have a problem. I simply tend prefer my cocktails created by someone who knows what they're doing, my beer poured from clean draft lines.

But while my at-home drinking rarely goes beyond the occasional pregame, I have friends with wildly different takes. Let me break down the five personalities of athome drinkers:

The pack rat: Three PBR tallboys from that house party, a half bottle of Smirnoff in the freezer from when your sister came to visit, three leftover bottles of New Year's Eve champagne. Sure, there's always something to drink around, but you can never quite remember how it got in your apartment in the first place. Occasionally good for antique—aka original formula Four Loko-finds.

Jameson, a quick rum and coke or a Milwaukee's Best to shotgun, you've got what you need to get things going at 9 p.m. on a Saturday night. You keep only what you'll need for the weekend on hand, thanks to the post-work gas station run you make on your Friday night commute home.

The snob: You'll share your Four Roses Single Barrel, but nobody's touching the Pappy Van Winkle. You curate your stash like others curate their DVR lineup. After all, what's the point of drinking at home if it's not the best? Your friends may aspire to be you, but sometimes you're a little annoying to hang out with. Especially when you start making your own ice.

The host: Vodka tonic or vodka soda? And while we're at it, are the Jell-O shots set? You've got a big living room and just-abovebottom-shelf booze to share. The point isn't to act like your house is a bar; it's to drink cheaply and be merry. You're known for keeping beer coolers out in the snow to make more room in the fridge.

The recluse: You know exactly how much bars and restaurants get away with when it comes to markups, and you will not be bothered to throw away money on booze you could find for half the price at CVS. Not to mention you can control the temperature, soundtrack and crowd at your apartment. Even if it is just you, a bottle of wine, a "Dance Moms" marathon and pizza rolls.

Ashamed of your category? Don't be. Most people probably fit into multiple categories. And there's always hope for the future. If you're looking to step up your at-home boozing game, I really enjoyed the excellent guide to building a home bar in Chicago Magazine's February issue. Just don't get too adult on me-save room for the whipped cream vodka.

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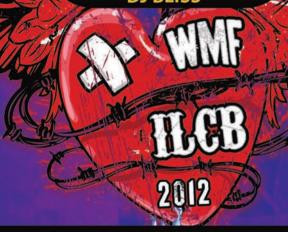
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# 'Unsupervised' unfunny, but 'Archer' still sharp



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**Unsupervised** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, FX

And now from the "been-there, done-that" department:
Two scrawny, virginal teens with no parental supervision dream of becoming "cooler than hell" and, of course, getting laid.

That's the concept behind FX's new animated sitcom

"Unsupervised." It should sound familiar, what with "Beavis and Butt-head" back on MTV and "Napoleon Dynamite" on Fox, not to mention just about a million movies on the subject. If "Unsupervised" creators Rob Rosell, Scott Marder and David Hornsby had something new to say on the subject, this "B & B"-lite might be worthy to follow the

hilarious "Archer" on FX's schedule.

Alas, that didn't happen. It's surprising; Charlie Day, Glenn Howerton and Rob McElhenney of FX's "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" are co-executive producers.

Gary (voiced by Justin Long) and Joel (Hornsby), despite having lousy parents who never give them the time of day, remain eternally optimistic about their chances of scoring with any chick except their gal pal Megan (Kristen Bell). Their pals Russ (Rosell) and Darius (Romany Malco) offer some stinging remarks, as do neighbor Martin (Fred Armisen) and his daughter, Christina (Alexa Vega). But nothing they say is particularly incisive.

Gary and Joel's starry-eyed cheeriness and basic decency take any edge out of the show. Sure, they use terms like "porkin'" and Joel compares everything to hell but—hello!—those jokes are old as hell.

Unlike "Archer" or "Sunny" or FX's "The League" and "Wilfred," "Unsupervised" refuses to go for the throat. And that makes it unfunny.



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Archer 9 p.m. Thursday, FX

If you want to try an animated sitcom that's inspired and firing on all cylinders, try "Archer."

"Oh, my God, you're Burt Reynolds!" Archer (voiced by H. Jon Benjamin) squeals upon meeting the actor in the Season 3 premiere. The World's Greatest Secret Agent (Archer says, anyway) tells Reynolds that he's a huge fan and has seen all his movies "like five times," including "'Sam Whiskey,' 'Navajo Joe,' 'Fuzz,' 'Hooper' ... obviously 'Gator.' I even saw 'At Long Last Love!'"

Archer's smitten until he learns that Burt (voiced by Reynolds) is there to meet his mother, Malory Archer (Jessica Walter), chief of the ISIS spy agency where Archer works. When Archer comes to after fainting ("It was an involuntary reaction, Mother, to seeing you all tarted up to meet my hero in a hotel bar — for sex!"), he needs Reynolds' help to get away from a Cuban hit squad that has targeted him.

And we're off and running with another season of great animation, skillful voice acting and hilariously foul-mouthed fun.









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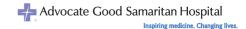


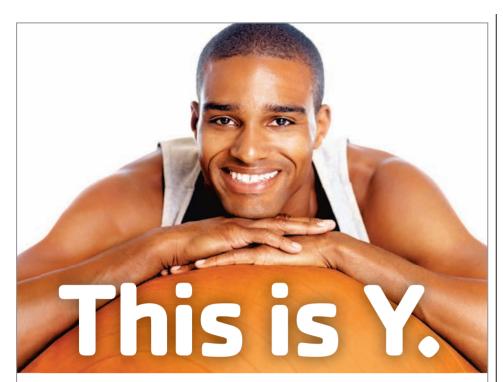
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# **Skipping workouts? Pay up**

### Reuters

If a bulging waistline isn't enough of a motivator to go to the gym, a new iPhone app adds a financial incentive to provide that extra nudge.

The app, called Gym-Pact, charges users a fee for every gym commitment they skip. The fee can range from \$5 to \$50.

"We decided to motivate people by having money on the line, rather than giving them money, which is a very radical departure from other motivational apps and programs," said Yifan Zhang, GymPact's co-founder and CEO.

After providing a credit card, GymPact's users make a commitment for the number of times each

week they will go to the gym, along with the financial penalty they will incur if they don't.

At the end of the week, the company charg-



es users who did not meet their goals. The money collected is distributed to users who kept their commitments. People who committed to more days get a bigger portion of the pooled money.

"We really think of what you have on the line as the number of days you're committing," Zhang said. "That's really the focus of the program—how many days can we get you to go to the gym every week."

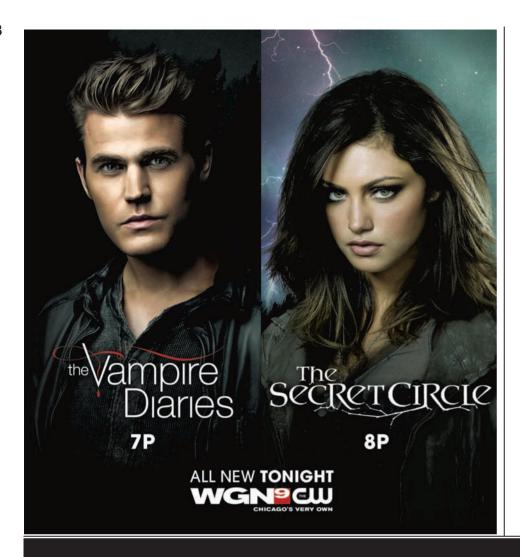
The company is paying out anywhere between 50 cents to \$1 for each workout and keeps about 30 percent of each payout.

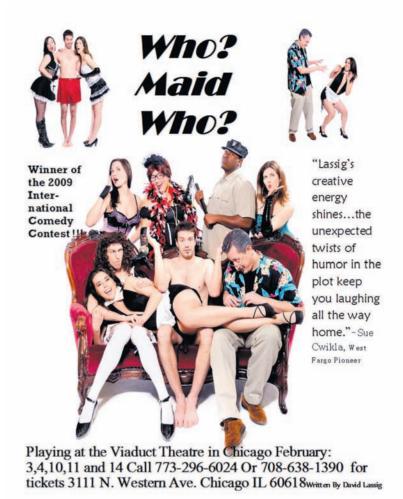
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# **TODAY IN THE YEAR...**

2001: In a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆

2004: John Kerry won lowa's Democratic caucuses, while John Edwards placed second; Howard Dean, who finished third, delivered a fist-pumping, bellowing concession speech that was viewed as politically damaging.

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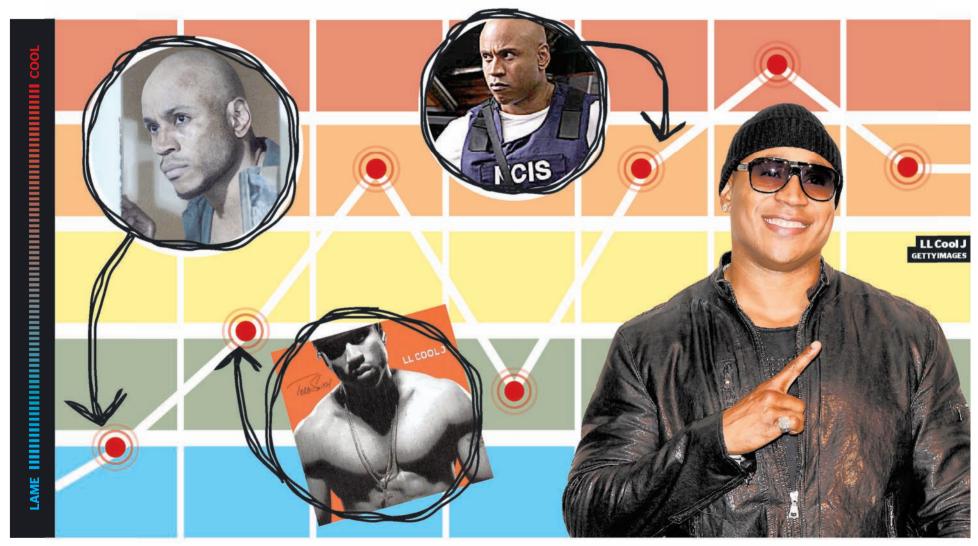
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Performers: Jason Aldean, Kelly Clarkson, Foo Fighters, Bruno Mars, Nicki Minaj and Taylor Swift

# COOLLIKE LL THE GRAMMYS HAVE PICKED A HOST, BUT IS HE, Y'KNOW, STILL COOL?

### By Dana Moran | REDEYE

It's been a long, long time since the Grammys had an official host—seven years, to be exact. So there's a lot of pressure to pick a cool, cool MC—LL Cool J, also to be exact. He'll be leading the night for performers such as Kelly Clarkson, Foo Fighters and Nicki Minaj. But how cool has LL remained in the past seven years? We took a look at his highs and lows to find out. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA



# 2005

He was on "House"! And in some Ray Liotta movie called "Slow Burn"! To be fair, he put out albums in 2004 and in 2006, so '05 may have been a slightly busy year in other departments.

# 2006

Released his 11th album, which was actually self-titled in that it was called "Todd Smith," his real name. What's dragging this one down? The first single, "Control Myself," which featured JLo and rhymed "her top was short and purple" with "bellydancing in a circle."

### 2007

Showed up on "30 Rock" as rapper Ridikolus, who Tracy Jordan thinks is going to kill him. Anyone who's feared by Tracy gains our respect. Of course, he's also afraid of elevators, his wife and juice, so this may not be the best benchmark

# 2008

Founded boomdizzle. com, a music social networking site. It appears to be different from Myspace in that artists can sell their original songs and albums on the site. It also appears to be different in that nobody has ever heard of it.

# 2009

Scored one of the leading roles on "NCIS: Los Angeles" as Sam Hanna. His character managed to survive into the "NCIS" spinoff, which is amazing since those guys usually get blown up or something.

# 2010

**Used Elisabeth** Hasselbeck to do biceps curls during a guest spot on "The View" for his book, "LL Cool J's Platinum 360 Diet and Lifestyle." And Joy Behar. And ... yes, you too, Sherri Shepherd. Now if you'll excuse the ladies, they need a moment.

# 2011

The BET Hip Hop Awards honored LL with its I Am Hip Hop Award for the mark he's made on the hip-hop community. We're gonna go ahead and say it was for that biceps curl thing too.



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# "That story are fake."

-Jay-Z, to the New York Daily News, on reports that he wrote a poem after his daughter's birth pledging



# **Breast in show?**

Chicago special-education teacher Alicia Rosa joins 17 other castaways as they try to win \$1 million when "Survivor: One World" premieres at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 on CBS. "I am a triple threatboobs, booty and I can sing," the 25-year-old said in a CBS video preview for the show.

# **SPOILER ALERT!**

# 'Top Chef': sauced

Aria chef Beverly Kim, one of three remaining Chicagoans on "Top Chef: Texas," bowed out on Wednesday's episode. She and fellow chef-testants had to cook a wicked feast for guest judge Charlize Theron, who plays the Evil Queen in the upcoming film "Snow White and the Huntsman," and Kim was faulted for serving an overly sticky sauce.

